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MANY OF FACULTY TO SPEND SUMMER ON THE CONTINENT

Still Others Will Scatter
About the Broad U. S.

ONE TO WRITE BOOK

Trips to the Continent seem to be getting quite the thing for a faculty member during vacation. This year, five, or possibly six, members of the teaching staff of the College will cross the ocean.

President and Mrs. Bell will sail for Cherbourg a few days after Commencement. From that port, they will proceed to Paris for a short stay. From there they will go to the Italian lakes in the northern part of Italy, where they will spend the larger part of their vacation. Switzerland and Germany are also included in their itinerary. Dr. Upton, Dean of the College, and Mrs. Shero, tutor in Latin, will accompany them during their whole stay abroad. Dr. Shero will spend July in Wisconsin, and most of August at his home in Greensburgh, Pa.

Dr. Strong is undecided as to where he will spend the summer. His decision will probably rest on his acceptance of his position for the coming semester.

"Down in Connecticut" as we are laconically informed, is the location for a restful summer for Dr. Edwards while he is writing a new book to be called "The Mechanics of Revolution."

Father Garnier asserts that he is "taking to the woods" and "the great open spaces" where the catamount mounts and so forth.

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NON-SOCS APPOINT A NEW COMMITTEE

Second Group Will Assume Control
of Social Room

Last Sunday afternoon a meeting of non-soc men was called by Victor Davey, the non-society representative to the student council of next year, to decide what was to be done about accepting the charter for the new non-fraternity room in Albee Hall. As told in the last issue of "The Lyre Tree," a committee of seven men, with Bedford Shope as president of the committee, was appointed by President Bell to consider officially taking over the use of the room and to draw up a charter or constitution for the running of it.

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ST. STEPHEN'S GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS IN ITS HISTORY AT 65TH COMMENCEMENT

A FAREWELL WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

To our distinguished guests of Commencement Day I express the happiness of the college in having had them with us.

To the donors who have so generously given us of their wealth, I extend our deepfelt gratitude.

To the Alumni who have been back I say that their Mother has been happy to see them again upon the campus and rejoices in the worth of her sons of former days.

To the members of the graduating class I bid God-speed. I have an affection for them all greater than they can know until the years have gone by sufficiently for them to see their life here in perspective. For all that they have done to make the college life worth while, I thank them.

To the students who are going forth to vacation I offer my best wishes for happy and prosperous months.

God be with us 'til we meet again.

BERNARD IDDINGS BELL,
President.

SUMMER WILL BRING CHANGE IN COMMONS

Faculty Will Now Eat in Main Part
of Preston

Upon return to college next fall, students will find that the seating arrangement in Commons will be entirely different than the present scheme. Patterning after the eating halls of Oxford and Cambridge, the members of the Faculty will eat in the same large hall with the students. To make this possible in Preston Hall, a dias of perhaps a foot high is to be erected at the east end of the room, and on this raised platform will be placed a long table at which the President of the College and the professors will sit. The ladies of the Faculty are to remain in the annex as at present. With them, and grouped in fours at the small tables, will be the members of the Senior Class. The three under classes will eat at the same tables at which they now sit.

The plan as outlined is not an attempt by the faculty to supervise the eating of the students, nor is it a scheme by which the House Management might demonstrate its impartiality to either the students or the profs. It is the result of a desire to make dinner at this college a more pleasant as well as a more formal affair. The meal is to be served in courses under the direction of a head waiter. Students and faculty are to wear academic gowns at the evening meal, and the entire atmosphere will be that of the dining hall in a college on the continent, where dinner is a

THREE FRATERNITIES WILL DINE TO-NIGHT

"Sigs" at Beekman Arms, "K. G. X."
At House, Eulexians, Red Hook

This year, on Tuesday evening, June 16 at 8 o'clock, the fraternities will hold their annual "Frat" banquets, which are festive occasions celebrating the culmination of another year's work, welcoming old friends among the returned alumni, and bidding goodbye to their departing brothers.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, under the capable direction of Griswold, who has been assisted by A. Moser and Doggett, has made arrangements for dinner for the members and for about twenty alumni at the "Beekman Arms" in Rhinebeck. Paul Titus has been chosen toastmaster for the evening.

Parsell, assisted by Hague and Kunkle, has prepared for the dinner of the Kappa Gamma Xi fraternity to be held at the "Kap" House, which is just off campus. About fifty alumni are expected to attend.

The Eulexian committee, consisting of Graser, Townsend and Papi-neau, has set all in readiness for a successful banquet at the Red Hook Hotel. The committee expects some twenty alumni from which number the Rev. Albert J. M. Wilson has been selected as toastmaster.

big and enjoyable event in the routine of the day.

Breakfast and lunch will remain informal meals.

Diplomas Presented to 19
Men at Appropriate
Exercises Today

Many Prizes Awarded

The 1925 Commencement exercises came to a fitting close this afternoon in the College Chapel with the presentation of the Bachelor of Arts degree to nineteen men who compose the largest class yet graduated from St. Stephen's. President Frederic C. Ferry of Hamilton College, delivered an address on "Some Problems of Small College Administration."

The men to be awarded the degrees were Cyril M. Andrews, Joseph H. Bessom, John J. Bittner, Clarence V. Buchanan, Carl W. Carlson, James E. Clarke, William H. Cole, Schuyler W. Crunden, Phillips D. Jones, Charles W. MacLean, Louis M. Myers, Addison G. Noble, Gilbert M. Smith, Robert J. Sudlow, William W. Vogt, Frederick H. Walker, Roy L. Webber, Charles L. Willard, Jr., Kelly Brent Woodruff.

Graduation honors were taken by William Vogt and Cyril Andrews in French, Harold Bessom in English, John Bittner in Biology, Louis Myers in Latin and Greek, Roy Webber in Greek. The Dragon Club prose prize was awarded to Cyril Andrews, the John Mills Gilbert poetry prize to Paul Titus. Charles Willard was awarded the McVicker prize in public speaking. The Public Speaking Prizes were awarded to Alpheus Packard, Jr., first; Robert Gibson, second; Orville Davidson, third.

The Honorary degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon William Harison of New York, a member of the board of trustees, and Litt. D. upon Rev. Gilbert P. Symons of Glendale, O., an alumnus.

The commencement exercises started on the morning of June 14 with the deliverance of the Baccalaureate Sunday sermon by Dr. L. P. Edwards, professor of sociology. In the evening the Class Day exercises were held. These exercises were marked by the resurrection and cremation of the Algebra, buried three and a half years ago. The upperclassmen formed a procession which proceeded to the library where Phillips Jones, president of '25, made the opening speech of welcome.

William Vogt next read the class history, followed by an account of the algebra burial by Louis Myers. The classes then entered the library

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THE PARTING SHOT

Is it not refreshing after all the heat, exams., and other trials? The Lyre Tree is not crusading this week. We have given you no long treatises on right and might to wallow through. We are not attempting to revise the curriculum, the faculty, the administration, the students, or the meals.

Of course, we enjoy the change, for we know that now we can walk about sans camouflage. There will be no blazing epistles from the President's office, no "wot the 'ell's" from the campus at large.

However, we do not wish to be misunderstood. We have not scrapped the idea that the college needs a workable honor system,—one with a less elastic chest expansion; we still feel with the more enlightened members of the faculty that parts of the curriculum need to be overhauled; we suggest that the chaperones, and not the gentlemen and ladies of the faculty, should criticise the conduct of the guests at the dances; that special delivery letters should be forwarded to the students immediately upon their arrival in the village.

MANY OF FACULTY TO SPEND SUMMER ON THE CONTINENT

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After a short stay at his Princeton home, Mr. Corti plans to enjoy himself at Hyanesport. He has chosen the Berkshires as a refuge far from the madding summer resorts, for a few week's stay at the end of the season.

Dr. Foster has determined to journey into far countries—to the countries of the Mediterranean to be exact—which, he claims, can be seen for ten dollars apiece.

Father Bray will remain on campus until the end of June, after which he will spend two weeks with John Heismann, the former football coach of Pennsylvania, of Washington and Jefferson. With former Coach Frolich, he intends to stay for two weeks at the Culver football camp in Indiana. He will return on September 1st to get ready for football.

"Ireland, England, and the Continent" are the objectives of Professor Voorhees. Undoubtedly English 3 and 4 next year will be replete with "intriguing" stories.

The German department will be shot through with Ilo in the coming semester. For Dr. Whitelock is spending the summer in his home in New York and devoting some of his time to furthering the cause of this new international language.

Dr. Flournoy has no very definite idea of how he will spend his vacation. He advises that either Washington or England will be his place of recreation.

Dr. Wilson expects to teach French for the better part of the warmer months in the summer school of Northwestern University.

According to the latest report Dr. Davidson is about to leave off prowling around ancient Rome and start on a tour northward through Switzerland and Germany.

Mrs. Kuyk, dietician, will sojourn for a while in the mountains of Virginia. Later in the summer she will go to Virginia Beach.

Certainly, we still have our ideas about things, and it might be well to consider our suggestions, for after all our opinions are those of the majority of the students; and better co-operation might be obtained, if the students' point of view were given consideration.

Before we close shop for the summer, we wish to extend a goodbye handshake to the members of the Class of 1925, for we know that next year their presence and good fellowship will be very greatly missed on campus.

Nor can we pass in final review without extending our good will to Miss Tropp, the College nurse, and Dr. Strong, associate professor in Biology, and Mrs. Strong. Their duties hereafter will carry them into spheres of interest far removed from St. Stephen's but, since associations are valuable, each has erected a memorial tower in friends that will last.

NON-SOCS APPOINT A NEW COMMITTEE

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On the lines suggested by the President, the committee formulated their rules and presented them to Father Bell, who reported them satisfactory.

The seven men who had been appointed by the President, however, felt that their jurisdiction extended only to the drawing up of the rules under which the room is to be run, and in consequence, insisted that some say be given to the members of the non-fraternity men who were not in their number. Hence the meeting.

At it, the seven formally laid aside their powers and submitted the constitution as approved by the President to the general body of non-socs for ratification. Clause after clause was accepted with or without discussion, so that the final form of the constitution is essentially the same as that which was printed in this column last issue. The substance of the matter is that the non-socs agree to take over the room for use and that they will hold it in trust for the college. The function of the committee of seven, placed in control of the room and chosen by the election each May from among the non-socs by the vote of the non-fraternity body, is only to run the room efficiently and make plans for any event in which the room is to be used.

Elect Officers

After the acceptance of the constitution, the floor was cleared for the nomination of officers for the coming semester. The outcome of the matter was that Harry Meyer '27 was elected President, Arthur Shirt '28 Secretary and Treasurer, with a committee composed of the following men: Robert Smith '27, Lewis Hammond '27, Anthony Rapollo '27, and George Moser '28.

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to view the remains, which were carried outside and laid reverently on the funeral pyre. The Spade, symbolic of the customs and traditions of St. Stephen's, was presented by P. D. Jones to Paul Titus, president of the incoming seniors. After toasts had been given and when the pipe of peace had passed between the classes, Gilbert Smith, president of convocation, presented Garvey Jones, newly elected president with the insignia of the office.

Alumni group and fraternity meetings occupied the men on Monday while in the evening the annual Dragon Club commencement dance was held in the gymnasium.

This afternoon the commencement exercises began with the formation of the solemn procession of the Faculty, undergraduates, and alumni, led by the Marshall of the College. The procession proceeded to the new buildings which were blessed by the Rt. Rev. William Manning, Bishop of the diocese of New York, and thence to the chapel where the final exercises took place.

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AWARD TROPHIES AT END OF PRACTICE

Harvey Does Best Work in Spring Football

The first spring football at St. Stephen's ended with the 30th practice. The average attendance was a little better than 21, and 20 men attended two-thirds or more of the practices. The total attendance of all men aggregated 638 hours. Coach Bray's judgment of the whole thing was that it had all been well worthwhile, that the men had shown excellent spirit and a keen disposition to learn, and that another year's spring practice will be even more valuable now that the system is established and recognized.

Awards for football attendance consisting of mounted and inscribed photos of the spring squad were presented by President Bell to Deloria, Wilson, Jones, Harding, Kennedy, Paterson, Kunkel, Kerns, Luepke, Harvey, Kroll, Raymond, Brunot, Shirt, Burke, Simcox, Page, Zish, Urquhart, Doggett. Inscribed cups were given to the squad leaders Deloria, Jones, Wilson, Harding and a special cup to Harvey for the best all around work.

HEAT RAISES HAVOC WITH ALL STUDENTS

Preston Roof, Library Porch, and Lawns Provide Sleeping Quarters

The sun that beat down upon the campus, the week before "finals" completely changed our rather staid environment into a place worthy of a Cecil De Mille representation of the last part of an old Roman party. Without any questions, between the heat and study, the college grounds resembled what we imagine sacked Troy must have looked like, when the Greeks finished playing around. In the first place everything was sweltering. Consequently, the various swimming-holes in the neighborhood received our literally sizzling youth each hour of the day.

In the evening, under the light of a brilliant moon, mattresses were thrown down upon lawns, roofs, and the Library porch. Upon these the dwellers in our dormitories sought refuge from the sun's previous attempt at a human holocaust, during the daytime. The row of improvised beds atop the roof of "Preston," bore the appearance of a sick-ward in an open-air hospital. The sleepers on the library porch had the distinction of being awakened by President Bell, on his way to early morning Mass.

There were certain other brave spirits who were determined to study throughout the entire night, and early morning. Their means of self-discipline were ingenious. One student stoically knocked apart his bed and stowed it away, out of sight; in that way he bearded the lion. Sleep.

1925-26 ATHLETIC OFFICERS

Football
V. V. Deloria, Captain
H. E. Ferris, Manager

Basketball
Joseph Wilson, Captain
H. A. Griswold, Manager

Lacrosse
Kenneth Urquhart, Captain
Bearden Kunkel, Manager

Tennis
Paul Titus, Captain

Others broke the early morning watches by wandering alone, or in groups to the swimming-pools. In this way the men on campus, coped with the heat.

INTER-CAMPUS TIPS

The annual intercollegiate regatta will take place next Monday afternoon, June 22, at Poughkeepsie. The competing crews will be the University of Washington, present title-holders, the Navy, U. of P., Cornell, Syracuse, Columbia and Wisconsin. Previous to the Varsity race, the Junior Varsity and Frosh crews of each of the above-named universities will row.

Statistics show, according to the Delaware Review that college enrollments annually increase six and one-half per cent more than the increase in population.

At Ohio State University a professor is endeavoring to introduce a plan whereby students will grade their own examination papers.

What will be the next move in the race issue at Williams College?

This was the question heard on every hand following the "ousting" of Ralph C. Wright, of Washington, D. C., a colored student, member of the freshman class, from eating at the Commons Club dining place for non-fraternity men.

Wright was notified by white students unofficially, it is said, that he had better continue eating at a private place.

More than 100 students, including Wright, could not be taken into membership in the Commons Club, according to a statement by club authorities because of the large number seeking admission.

For only one week four journalism students from the University of Wisconsin edited the Tomahawk, Wisconsin Leader, but during that short time they started a "Vice crusade" and gained almost nation wide publicity for themselves and Editor L. W. Osborne of the Leader.

The youthful reformer found the morals of the town very bad, and determined to leave Tomahawk a better town than they found it, although

they had only a week to do so. They wrote a stirring editorial calling attention to a certain dance hall where one could see innocent young girls dancing with "drunken sots." At the end of the week they returned to Madison leaving Osborne to sustain the brunt of the vice battle and a broken nose.

Accompanied by his husky son, the worthy dance hall proprietor visited the editor, challenged him to a fist fight, and, in the free-for-all that followed, broke his nose. The linotype man interposed with a shot gun, just in time to save his chief from graver injuries.

Commendation for the work started in his absence was expressed by Osborne. He declared that he is going to continue the Crusade. Herman W. Sachtjen, state prohibition commissioner, is happy and praises the work of the students. But the quartette of reformers declare that they will undertake to edit no more papers without a substantial escort of varsity football men.

'27 ALREADY PLANS FOR PROM NEXT YEAR

Announcement has been made that the committee for next year's Junior Prom consists of Bearden Kunkel, '27 President, chairman, Harold Bartley, Paul Whitcomb, and Hurlbut Griswold. It is the plan of the committee members to make this the great social event of the college year. November 20 and 27 have been set aside as tentative dates. Present temporary plans call for the presentation of a Mummies' production on Thursday evening at Red Hook, the dance on Friday evening, a football game Saturday afternoon, and fraternity house parties in the evening. The co-operation of all college departments is sought in making this one of the best, if not the best Junior Prom held at St. Stephen's.

ALUMNI NEWS

Howard Everard Koch, '22, was graduated June 3 as a member of the class of 1925 at the Columbia Law School in New York city.

Hollis Colwell, '21, who was graduated this year from the General Theological Seminary, was ordained June 3 at St. Stephen's Church in Pittsfield, Mass., by Bishop Thomas Davies of the Western Massachusetts Diocese. He is now rector of St. Mary's Church, Palmer, Mass.

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GIBSON WILL AGAIN LEAD CLASS OF '28

On Monday, June first, the class of Twenty-Eight met to elect their class officers for the next college year. Robert Gibson was re-elected on the first ballot, to serve as President for another year. Douglas McKean was elected, also on the first ballot, for Vice-President. Edwin Hague was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

WILSON AND CRANDALL TO RUN COLLEGE STORE

The College Store will be managed next fall by Warren Crandall and Joseph Wilson. In addition to the usual stock, the store will handle ice cream and soft drinks. As soon as it can be conveniently arranged, the store will be operated in conjunction with the Athletic Association. This change in policy will probably go into effect in 1926.

DRAGON CLUB ELECTS

The Dragon Club, the College honorary scholastic organization, held its annual elections last week. Arthur Moser, '26, was elected president, and Alpheus Packard, '26, was elected secretary and treasurer.

URQUHART IS CAPTAIN KUNKEL LACROSSE MGR.

Following the Toronto-St. Stephen's game, the varsity lacrosse players met and elected Kenneth Urquhart of Geneva, N. Y., captain of lacrosse for next season. This gives Urquhart the honor of being the first lacrosse captain at St. Stephen's. The captain-elect is an excellent man at goal and in both the Union and Toronto games showed himself to advantage. Coach Bray has appointed Bearden Kunkel of Carlisle, Pa., manager of lacrosse for the 1926 season.

INFORMAL FAREWELL PARTY

On Tuesday evening, June 9, an informal farewell party was tendered Dr. and Mrs. Leonell Strong at Dr. Wilson's apartment in Ludlow-Wilkinson. Members of the faculty were present from 8 until 9:30 o'clock in the evening. Light refreshments were served.

BIELE A SHERIFF

Mr. Fred J. Biele has been appointed a Deputy Sheriff of Dutchess Co., N. Y. As Bursar of the college, Mr. Biele saw the advisability of having a Police Officer on campus. He has, accordingly, taken on the responsibility of his office solely in the interests of the college.

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EXAMINES AT SWARTH- MORE

Dr. James Wilson, Associate Professor of French, with Dr. Crawford of the University of Pennsylvania faculty, examined the French honor students at Swarthmore college on Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6. Dr. Wilson reports that the French students at St. Stephen's compare favorably with the Swarthmore students.

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